

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes June 1, 2010

The Edgefield County Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield.

Members present

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman
Norman Dorn, Councilman

Others present

Lynn W. Strom, Finance Manager
Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council
and others as per list attached

Members absent

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Others absent

Alton Brown, Administrator

Vice Chairman Bright presided in the absence of Chairman Kneece. Mr. Bright called the meeting to order and Attorney Michael Medlock gave the invocation, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve the May 4, 2010 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Edgefield County Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

No comments.

Resolution presentation

Agenda Item VI, Resolution No. 09-10-320, "A Resolution Honoring Faye Fulmer for Her Leadership and Service to the Citizens of Edgefield County" was approved unanimously with a motion being made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Vice Chairman Bright presented Mrs. Fulmer with the Resolution executed by Council for her years served with the Merriwether Fire Department, six of the years as fire chief.

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Vice Chairman Bright introduced Mr. Jay McLaurin. Mr. McLaurin has been appointed to the position of magistrate for Edgefield County due to the resignation of Davis Parkman.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held to receive written and/or oral comments on the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 09-10-624, “An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield County Land Development and Zoning Regulations to Create a Special Development District Entitled “Planned Development District” to Provide a Mechanism for the Planning Commission, County Council and An Applicant to Agree on the Scope of a Proposed Development.”

Mr. Roger Timpson, Edgefield County Planning Commission, informed council that “this passed the Planning Commission with a unanimous vote.”

This ordinance provides flexibility whereby the county and property owner/developer can negotiate the terms of zoning of a property. For example, the developer may want smaller lots than permitted by the current zoning status. The county could ask for more extensive landscaping, green spaces, better architectural standards, etc.

The ordinance also provides protection for adjoining property owners because a public hearing must be held. With the input from the community, planning commission and county can negotiate standards to alleviate their concerns. It does not zone a particular property at time of enactment. Developer must ask the planning commission and county council for this designation for his property.

Ordinances

Before a motion was made to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-620, “An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2010-11 General Operating Budget, and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims’ Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation, and Road Maintenance”, Councilman Ashcraft spoke concerning vehicles for the sheriff’s office. He asked Captain Wash for mileage information on the present patrol cars. Mr. Ashcraft stated he felt sure they needed new vehicles and “my opinion we do have the money to purchase what you need. I know there is a little resistance but I am willing to negotiate or give for that, and what I am wanting to ask is which three vehicles need to be replaced and regarding moving equipment from one vehicle to another what would be a money amount we are speaking of?” Captain Wash replied \$67,500.00. Replace a 2005 Crown Vic; 2003 Crown Vic; 2004 Crown Vic.

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Councilman Ashcraft made a motion to amend the budget by \$65,000 to include three new vehicles for the sheriff's department. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Councilmen Bright and Dorn voted no. Motion to amend budget failed— two – two.

At this time Councilman Ashcraft made a motion to further amend the budget to purchase one ambulance chassis to replace the 1998 vehicle that is so sorely out of mileage. Motion died for a lack of a second.

No vote to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-620. Councilwoman Blackwell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to hold a called budget work session and a called county council meeting at 11:00 a. m. Friday, June 4, 2010, in the council chambers to discuss amending the budget ordinance to include vehicles for the sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

Third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-621, “An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to that Certain Multi-County Park Agreement, Dated July 15, 1997, as Subsequently Amended, Governing a Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and between Aiken County, South Carolina, and Edgefield County, South Carolina, to Authorize the Expansion of the Boundaries of the Park; and Other Matters Thereto Related”

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-621. Motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-623, “An Ordinance Amending the Procedures to be Followed by the Edgefield County Board of Assessment Appeals to Specify that the Board Shall Follow Those Procedures Set Forth in Section 12-60-2530, SC Code of Laws (1976), As Amending.”

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-623. Motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-624, “An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield County Land Development and Zoning Regulations to Create a Special Development District Entitled “Planned Development District” to Provide a Mechanism for the Planning Commission, County Council and an Applicant to Agree on the Scope of a Proposed Development.”

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-624. Motion carried unanimously.

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-625, “An Ordinance Defining the Method to Elect

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Edgefield County Council Officers and to Codify the Existing Council Practice and to Clarify Officer Issues.”

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-615. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

The following bids for roofing of the Calliham Building were considered at the May council meeting. The bid submitted by R. W. Nunnery Roofing of Summerton did not submit references. Council asked Mike Reed to obtain references and bring back to council. Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to accept the low bid of \$23,685.00 submitted by R. W. Nunnery Roofing of Summerton, SC. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

EC Library Board appointments

The Edgefield County Library Board requested council to consider appointing Mrs. Patricia Bryan and Mrs. Bridget Clark each to serve a four year term on the board, filling the positions of Mrs. Kitty Nicholson and Mrs. Ann Dukes. The terms of Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Dukes expired and they did not wish to be reappointed. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Dorn to appoint Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Clark to serve on the Edgefield County Library Board.

The Library Board also asked council’s consideration of appointing Mrs. Ethel Butler and Mrs. Darlene Smith to serve another term on the board. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to appoint Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Smith to serve another four year term on the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Grant Application

This is part of an application process by US Fibers (they are investing \$10 million-85 jobs). They are asking Edgefield County to approve the grant process-no cost to the county. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell to approve the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Computer upgrades/Treasurer-Auditor-Tax Collector

The finance director explained that the tax software presently being used in the tax process is an old version that you still have to use the function keys. With the new version the tax process will be easier to use and understand. The entire system is changing to this version and the county’s computers aren’t new enough to handle the change. Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell to update the the computer software at a cost of \$5,560.16.. Motion carried unanimously.

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Guests

Linda Anderson invited everyone to attend the Alliance meeting on Monday.

Roy Blackwell thanked council for the work done on the budget but could not understand why council would have to hold third reading over for another work session and reading.

Claims approved as follows:

A. PAYROLL: 5/3/10 thru 5/16/10

Regular.....\$227,586.07

Voter Registration Commission.....\$2,131.14

PAYROLL: 5/17/10 thru 5/30/10

Regular.....\$225,695.50

Bailiffs.....\$800.00

B. General Operating.....\$523,592.95

There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn. A budget work session and called council meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 4th to discuss new vehicles for the sheriff's department, and the next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th, in the council chambers.

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman

ATTEST

Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council

Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman

Regenia Blackwell, Councilwoman

Norman Dorn, Councilman

